

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY PLAN REVISION PROJECT

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) has initiated a project to revise and update the State of California Emergency Plan (SEP), which, according to the California Emergency Services Act, defines California's Emergency Management Program for that State and all level of government.

### Background

The SEP was last revised in 1998 with a subsequent review and revision in 2005 to ensure the SEP complied with the Federal Government's National Incident Management System (NIMS) guidance. Since the last update the State's emergency management environment has changed significantly, and the plan is being updated to reflect these changes including:

- Lessons learned from recent events, including in-state events and major national events, such as Hurricane Katrina.
- The changing capabilities of state agencies that have responsibilities under the SEP.
- Ongoing developments at the national level, such as changes to NIMS and California's participation in the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.
- Ongoing revisions to the National Response Framework (previously titled the National Response Plan) and changes in Federal operations.
- The importance of regional capabilities and regional responses to major events.
- Advances in technology, such as information sharing and communications systems.
- Increased emphasis on collaboration with the private sector.
- All aspects of emergency management, not just the response phase.
- Development of California Emergency Functions (CA-EFs) that will provide a mechanism for state agencies with similar functions to organize and coordinate their planning, preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery efforts. CA-EFs are not intended to replace or alter California's existing emergency response system, but to provide a vehicle for a more cohesive emergency management program within that structure.

This is the beginning of a major planning cycle for OES and the CA emergency management community. The revision of the SEP will include the following three phases:

#### *Phase I (now through June 30, 2008)*

During Phase I OES will revise the SEP base plan including elements associated with catastrophic incidents. In addition, a framework for the California Emergency Functions (CA-EFs) will be developed including a summary of each function and the stakeholders that will be brought together to collaboratively plan for the emergency function.

### *Phase II (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009)*

During Phase II further development of the CA-EFs by stakeholders will lead to Annexes for each function. The Annexes will provide a mechanism for state agencies with similar functions to organize and coordinate their planning, preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery efforts. CA-EFs are not intended to replace or alter California's existing emergency response system, but to provide a vehicle for a more cohesive emergency management program within that structure.

### *Phase III (ongoing)*

Phase III will involve the ongoing maintenance of the SEP, including training stakeholders on the SEP and exercising the SEP. During Phase III OES may develop additional annexes that will supplement the SEP.

## **STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION**

The success of this project will be dependent upon stakeholder participation at all levels: local, regional and state including emergency planners, vulnerable populations, Tribal Governments and the private sector. To this end, OES' State Planning and Support Unit will be asking state organizations, local government, federal agencies, and other key stakeholders to participate in the SEP revision process through workshops, document reviews, and other activities. This intensive stakeholder process is critical to the development of an effective SEP.

If you are interested in contributing to this effort please contact Terri Gill at 916-845-8767 or email [terri.gill@oes.ca.gov](mailto:terri.gill@oes.ca.gov).

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